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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE GERMAN PRESS REPORTS THAT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S LETTERS TO TWELVE AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE, THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN POWERS FROM ANGOLA, AND THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, THE FRG HAS INVOLVED ITSELF IN THE EFFORT TO SOLVE THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT. IGNORING THE FRG INITIATIVE, WEST GERMAN EDITORIALISTS OPINE THAT THE US HAS DENIED ITSELF THE MEANS TO PERSUADE THE SOVIETS TO END THEIR EFFORTS IN ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

1. WEST GERMAN PAPERS REPORT THAT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER HAS WRITTEN TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF LIBERIA, GHANA, ZAMBIA, MALAWI, UGANDA, TANZANIA, NIGERIA, KENYA, ZAIRE, EGYPT, TUNISIA AND MOROCCO URGING A CEASE-FIRE, THE WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES AND A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY IN ANGOLA. THE RECIPIENTS HAVE GENERALLY RESPONDED POSITIVELY, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS.

2. OBSERVING THAT THE FRG EFFORT PARALLELS SIMILAR EFFORTS BY GREAT BRITAIN AND THE US, PAPERS SAY THAT DIFFICULTIES WITH THE FRENCH HAVE PREVENTED THE EC FROM ACHIEVING A UNIFIED POSITION ON ANGOLA.

3. SEVERAL PAPERS NOTED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE HAD VISITED BONN TO INFORM GENSCHER ON HIS EFFORTS IN AFRICA TO END FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND TO PROMOTE THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

4. EDITORIALISTS HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO THE REVELATION THAT THE FRG HAS JOINED THE EFFORT TO FIND A SOLUTION FOR ANGOLA. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, COMMENTED AT LENGTH ON THE AMERICAN EFFORT TO END OUTSIDE INVOLVEMENT AND FIND THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NOT LIKELY TO TAKE THE US WARNINGS SERIOUSLY, SINCE THE US HAS DENIED ITSELF THE MEANS TO PERSUADE OR COMPEL THE RUSSIANS TO WITHDRAW.
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